| OGP 05: Seeds/Planting Stock | USDA Organic Regulations §205.2; §205.204  Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Annex II, 1.8 |
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| *Please have all seed tags/packets/labels, purchase receipts, and other supporting documents available for the inspector.* | |
| 1. **SEEDS**  *N/A, I do not use/plan to use seeds. Skip to Section B.* 2. Which of the following seeds do you use or plan to use for organic production? Check all that apply.  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Organic (untreated) | Non-organic (untreated) | Organic (with treatment) | Non-organic (with treatment) |  1. How do you document that non-organic seeds are not genetically modified?  *N/A, I only use organic seed*  Non-GMO statement from the supplier  Catalog statement  Other (please describe): | |
| 1. If you produce organic sprouts, are all seeds used in sprout production certified organic?  *N/A, I do not produce organic sprouts*   Yes  No   1. Please identify all seed treatments and seed coatings in use and/or intended for use:  *N/A, I do not use any treatments or coatings on seeds*   ***All materials used to treat or coat seeds must be listed in OGP 09: Inputs.***  Pellet coating  Inoculant  Lubricant  Priming aid  Fungicide  Insecticide  Disinfectant   Other. Please describe: | |
| 1. If coating is part of certified organic seed, attach documentation.  **Attached** 2. Do you use any treated seed for which the treatment is required by a state or federal phytosanitary regulation?  Yes  No If yes, attach a description of the seed and treatment, and a copy of the phytosanitary regulation.  **Attached** | |
| 1. **ANNUAL SEEDLINGS**  *N/A, I do not use/plan to use annual seedlings. Skip to Section C.*   *An annual seedling is a plant that will complete its life cycle within the same crop year that it was planted. Annual crops grown from seed and onion/shallot/leek sets that are grown as annual crops are considered annual seedlings. Annual seedlings must be certified organic unless a temporary variance has been granted in accordance with § 205.290(a)(2). Have records and documentation available at inspection.*   1. List all source(s) of annual seedlings:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Grown on-farm (complete **OGP 06: Greenhouse, High Tunnel & Indoor Production**) | | | | Produced by a different certified organic operation*. List crop(s) and certified organic source(s).* | **Crop Name** | **Source** | | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  |  1. Are any annual seedlings grown under contract by a certified organic greenhouse?  Yes  No If yes, do you purchase the seed?  Yes  No (If yes, describe in section A above) | |
| 1. **PLANTING STOCK**  *N/A, I do not use/plan to use planting stock. Skip to Section D.*   *Planting stock is any plant material, other than seeds or annual seedlings, used in plant production. Annual planting stock includes seed potatoes, sweet potato slips, strawberries, garlic bulbs, tubers, and rhizomes from which a single crop is harvested in the same year of planting.*   1. Which of the following types of planting stock do you use or plan to use for organic production? Check all that apply.  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Perennial, organic | Perennial, nonorganic | Annual, organic | Annual, nonorganic |  1. Planting stock is (check all that apply):  Purchased  Saved from organic crops grown on farm 2. How do you document that nonorganic planting stock is not genetically modified?  *N/A, I only use organic planting stock*  Non-GMO statement from the supplier  Catalog statement  Other, Please describe: 3. Please identify all treatments in use and/or intended for use on planting stock:  *N/A, planting stock is untreated*   ***All materials used to treat planting stock must be listed in OGP 09: Inputs.***  Fungicide  Insecticide  Disinfectant  Other (please describe):   1. Do you use any treated planting stock for which the treatment is required by a state or federal phytosanitary regulation?   Yes  No   If yes, attach a description of the planting stock and treatment, and a copy of the phytosanitary regulation.  **Attached**   1. Do you sell or plan to sell organic planting stock originating from nonorganic planting stock (e.g., selling an organic blueberry plant, not the blueberries)?  Yes  No   If yes, is the planting stock managed organically for not less than one year before the planting stock is sold, labeled, or represented as organic?  Yes  No | |
| 1. **COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY**  *N/A, all seed and planting stock are certified organic*   ***This section is only relevant for clients seeking certification to the USDA organic regulations. Operations certified or seeking certification under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 must submit the form "Request of Authorization - Nonorganic Plant Reproductive Material" prior to sowing an organic crop using nonorganic seed or planting stock.***  *Nonorganic seed or planting stock* ***may only be used when an equivalent organic variety is not commercially available****, except that organic seed must always be used to produce edible sprouts.*  *An* ***equivalent variety*** *is a variety of the same type (head lettuce types versus leaf lettuce types) or one that has similar agronomic or marketing characteristics needed to meet site specific requirements for an operation (e.g. days until harvest; color, flavor, moisture, chemical, or nutrient profiles of the harvested crop; vigor or yield; regional adaptation; disease and pest resistance; utility in crop rotation, etc.)*  *Producers must check a* ***minimum of three sources*** *that carry organic seed or planting stock and confirm that they are unable to source organic seed or planting stock in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity for their operation’s needs before purchasing nonorganic varieties. Price cannot be a consideration for determination of commercial availability. Producers must maintain records that document the crop, the names of suppliers contacted, the search method, and whether an equivalent organic variety was available in the form, quality, and quantity needed for the operation. You may use the* [***QCS******Seed and Planting Stock Record***](https://qcsinfo.org/download/seed-and-planting-stock-record/?wpdmdl=21622) *to document your attempts to source organic varieties.* | |
| 1. For all seed and/or planting stock used on your organic operation, what general characteristics do you require? Check all that apply. *The specific form, quality, and quantity considerations you use to evaluate commercial availability of each crop must be documented in your records.*  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Available as untreated | Drought tolerance | Bulk quantity | | Greater crop yield | | Regional-specific traits | | Available with allowed treatment (e.g. pelleting, inoculant) | | | Pest or disease resistance | | Adequate germination rate | | | Other. Please describe: | | | | | | |  1. How do you attempt to source organic seeds and planting stock before you determine that equivalent organic varieties are not available in the form, quality, or quantity needed for your operation? Check all that apply.   Check with at least three suppliers that carry organic seed and/or planting stock  Another entity searches on my behalf (e.g. crops grown on contract, seed broker/dealer/distributor) and that entity checks with at least three suppliers known to offer organic seed and/or planting stock  Other. Please describe:   1. Do you grow any plants or crops for which seed and/or planting stock is supplied by or chosen by someone else (e.g. crops grown on contract, seed broker/dealer/distributor)?  Yes  No   If yes, do you maintain documentation that demonstrates your buyer has conducted a commercial availability search for organic seeds and/or planting stock?  Yes  No   1. What records do you keep to document your search for organic seeds and/or planting stock? Check all that apply.  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | QCS Seed and Planting Stock Record or other seed search log | | Correspondence from seed suppliers | | Invoices and purchase records | Organic certificates | Seed catalogs | | Other. Please describe: | | | | |